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**United States District Court
Western District of Virginia**

REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge James G. Welsh at Harrisonburg is due to expire on November 15, 2012. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new four-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following:

- conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- conducting various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and
- presiding over trials and the disposition of misdemeanor cases.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

John S. Hart, Jr., Esq., Chairman
U.S. Magistrate Judge Reappointment Panel
c/o Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court
P.O. Box 1234
Roanoke, VA 24006-1234

Or to the court's public website comment box:
public-comment@vawd.uscourts.gov

Comments **must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, May 4, 2012.**